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SUBJECT: FOREIGNERS IN CHILE

1. WHAT APPEARS TO BE A SLIP OF THE TONGUE ON THE PART OF MININT GEN BONILLA HAS CAUSED SOME ALARM IN THE FOREIGN COMMUNITY HERE. SPEAKING TO THE NATION EVENING OF SEPT 16 BONILLA ASKED RHETORICALLY "WHO SHOULD BE AFRAID OF US (THE NEW GOVT)?" AND ANSWERED "ONLY THE EXTREMIST AND THE FOREIGNER WHO HAS ABUSED OUR HOSPITALITY AND TO WHOM WE SHALL SHOW NO SYMPATHY."

2. LATER IN HIS SPEECH, WHILE RECAPITULATING HIS POINT, BONILLA STATED THAT "WE SHALL NOT LEAVE A STONE UNTURNED UNTIL THE LAST FOREIGNER HAS LEFT THE COUNTRY AND THE LAST CHILEAN EXTREMIST HAS GIVEN UP HIS ARMS."

3. SOME FOREIGNERS -- INCLUDING SOME IN THE NON-OFFICIAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY -- WERE ALARMED BY BONILLA'S LATTER STATEMENT.

4. IN CONVERSATION TODAY A HIGH LEVEL MEMBER OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR CONFIRMED EMBASSY'S BELIEF THAT BONILLA'S INTENTION WAS TO REFER ONLY TO "FOREIGNERS WHO HAVE ABUSED OUR HOSPITALITY"

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THROUGH POLITICAL ACTIVITY (RATHER THAN ALL FOREIGNERS).

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